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The Rock Bands of the Seventies

The seventies were a time of Hippies, love and let’s face it, drug abuse. One of the products of this covenant is the rock bands that grew from out of the darkness. They are considered to be the best rock bands in history that infused often mystical lyrics with beautiful instrument mastery. Every band had its own style and music had such diversity. I choose to write about this genre because I believe they are the most creative and talented bands to have ever walked on this earth.

To begin, the band that pioneered the hippie music revolution would be The Beatles. They formed in the early 60’s and rocked the British Isles at first then progressed to the rest of the world. The Beatles made very main stream music for a few years but showed signs of change and rebellion. After the band members began experimenting with illegal drugs their music started to become influenced by those experiments. They began to include drug references in their music and they became very rebellious. Bands that followed The Beatles learned the lessons they taught and began to rock like never before. (Noyer, 1995)

The 70’s started with Led Zeppelin on top of the world. They are considered to be the first heavy metal band of all time. The band was musically led by Jimmy Pages heavy rocking guitar works and Robert Plants loud, powerful voice. Led Zeppelin was at the top of popularity and was the first band to beat the Beatles in concert attendance. One of the bands that learned from Led Zeppelin was Black Sabbath. The band was formed by Ozzy Osbourne, Tony Iommi, Geezer Butler, and Bill Ward. Black Sabbath incorporated heavy guitar distortion and low tuning to create dark sometimes scary music. (70srockbands.com, 2009)

Pink Floyd formed in the late 60’s and worked their way to the top. They hit major popularity with the release of The Dark Side of the Moon. Their next album Wish You Were Here kept the gravy train going. By the late 1970’s they were just about the most popular band at the time. Their career hit its climax after The Wall, Roger Waters’ masterpiece.

Another one of the great bands of the time was Queen. The lead vocalist Freddy Mercury used very creative lyrics and a great singing style to help the band create classic works of art. On the other hand, The Who was rocking the world during the late 60’s and into the 70’s. Their music is found everywhere- even in hit television shows. Now, one of the most revolutionary bands formed in the 70’s was Van Halen. (poprockbands.com, 2009)

Eddy Van Halen introduced true guitar shredding. He created the art of finger tapping on a guitar. His masterpiece entitled ‘Eruption’ incorporated finger tapping with some seriously masterful guitar picking. His guitar style was very original and opened the doors to the metal of the 80’s. He was a true inspiration to all guitarists along with all the rest of the musicians of the time.

The 70’s went out with the memories of many disappointments and surprises, but the music will stay forever. The art and inspiration those bands left behind has shown the world that it’s alright to play some Rock and Roll. But most of all they taught us how to love and be free with a lasting impression. For all the lessons they taught, it is necessary to write about them and spread the knowledge of their power. I must end this by expressing my gratitude for all they have done for the world.